

**MINUTES OF THE
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

Members Present

Bob Davis, Chair
Bob Mays
Kay Brandon
Tony Davies
Mark Taylor
Vic Nussbaum
Alyson Best

Staff Present

Nancy Lindemeyer
Gail Hay
Sheldon Smith

The Waste Management and Recycling Task Force met on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building, commencing at 3:04 p.m.

Chair Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:

Chair Davis stated that all members were present.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2, 2012 MINUTES:

Mr. Nussbaum moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2012 meeting as written, seconded by Ms. Best. The Task Force voted unanimously 7-0 in favor of the motion.

REVIEW OF DRAFT TASK FORCE REPORT:

Members discussed the best way to insert the Best Practices in North Carolina handout into the final Task Force Report. After a discussion, members felt that the "Best Practices" report should fit with "Other Practices" under the disposal section. Mr. Taylor suggested that the two sections be put together and placed before the Disposal Subcommittee Report.

Mr. Taylor guided members through the final draft of the Task Force Report. During discussion the following changes were recommended:

- (1) Page 3: Use the final version of the Task Force charge that does not have "waste reduction" underlined.
- (2) Page 3: Under Strategies for Landfill Gas-to-Energy, italicize or underline "profit center" followed by "(positive net revenue)". Consider adding "(see page 11 - Landfill Gas-to-Energy Subcommittee Report)".
- (3) Page 3: Continued Citizen Involvement is to become another strategy.
- (4) Page 5: Under Other Practices in North Carolina, reduce discussion of New Hanover incinerator and identify it as an example of an old technology.

- (5) Page 3: Under Continued Citizen Involvement, add “following the examples of Orange, Wake, and Mecklenburg counties, we recommend continued citizen involvement...”
- (6) Ms. Brandon will send references from Best Practices in North Carolina to Mr. Taylor.
- (7) Page 1: Under Recommended Goals and Guiding Principles, delete first sentence. The paragraph will begin with “We have focused on.....” Also, add “...while minimizing the impact on human health, economic development and the environment” at the end of the first paragraph.
- (8) Chair Davis will ask Mr. Wyrick and staff to review the new revised draft and give any necessary feedback.
- (9) All revisions should be sent to Mr. Taylor no later than October 23rd.
- (10) Provide the document containing three summary sheets, dated June 4, 2012, analyzing the cost of the transfer station as an appendage to the report.
- (11) Page 7: Under “Trash to Cash”, remove the bullet that begins with “Waste-to-energy facilities.....”
- (12) Page 7: Under Waste-to-Energy, remove all the bullet points.
- (13) Page 1: Under Recommended Goals and Guiding Principles, add sentence about “quality of life” issues.
- (14) Pull information from Interim Report regarding regionalism that was contributed by Mr. Lewis and put in final Task Force Report.
- (15) Page 1: Under #1, remove quotes from “partners” and “losers”.
Under #2, remove “guinea pigs”.
- (16) Page 4: Under Current Methods of Disposal....., remove aka “The Current Paradigm”.
- (17) Page 5: Under Other Practices, in the last sentence spell out Waste-to-Energy followed by (WtE).
- (18) Page 6: Third paragraph, Mr. Taylor will remove some of the detailed history.
- (19) Page 9: Under “Wastaway”, eliminate the sentence that begins “There are currently no plans....” or explain why there are no plans.
- (20) Page 10: Under #4, spell out synthetic gas and follow with (syngas). Also, note that Plasma Arc Gasification is the most expensive method.
Under #5, revise first sentence to make more sense.
- (21) Page 10: Under Regional Opportunities, delete “(long term)” in the first sentence.
- (22) Page 12: First paragraph, delete Mr. Smith’s name as assigned staff.
- (23) Page 12: Second paragraph, delete the names of subcommittee members.
- (24) Identify and thank staff members.

(25) Page 12: Second sentence should read "The subcommittee and some City staff made a road-trip to visit a"

(26) Page 12: Fourth paragraph, add bullet points regarding Osborne Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Davies will provide changes to Mr. Taylor.

Members agreed that the report should contain a table of contents along with a title page.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mays moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The Commission voted unanimously 7-0 in favor of the motion.

There being no further discussions before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Davis, Chair

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